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SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS REPORTS

FOLLOWING FYI IS ESSENTIAL TEXT PRESS REPORTS IN LONDON
TIMES AND FINANCIAL TIMES TODAY:

1. TIMES PAGE 6 - RISK INCREASES OF BREAK IN TRANS-
ATLANTIC AIR LINKS
STATE DEPT SAID TODAY BIG DIFFERENCES REMAINED ON ISSUES
CENTRAL TO NEW COMMERCIAL AVIATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BRITAIN AND US, INCREASING PROSPECT OF BREAK IN
AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THERE WAS REAL POSSIBILITY TRANS-
ATLANTIC AIR SERVICES BETWEEN BRITAIN AND US WOULD BE
SUSPENDED AFTER JUNE 22, WHEN CURRENT CIVIL AVIATION
ACCORD EXPIRES.
MR. BROCK ADAMS, TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY, SAID RECENTLY
IF TALKS, NOW BEING HELD IN LONDON, DID NOT PRODUCE
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OUTLINE OF AN AGREEMENT BY TOMORROW, THEY WOULD END.
A STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY BOTH SIDES WERE
CONTINUING TO PRESS HARD TO REACH AGREEMENT.
"WHILE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN SOME IMPORTANT AREAS,
TWO SIDES REMAIN FAR APART ON CERTAIN ITEMS OF FUNDA-
MENTAL IMPORTANCE TO NEW AGREEMENT", HE SAID.

2. FINANCIAL TIMES, BACK PAGE - US COULD PULL OUT OF

AIR TRAFFIC TALKS

USDEL TO BERMUDA AGREEMENT TALKS NOW GOING ON IN LONDON
WILL DECIDE TOMORROW WHETHER TO END NEGOTIATIONS AND
RETURN TO WASHINGTON, STATE DEPT SAID TONIGHT.

TWO SIDES ARE STILL "FAR APART ON ITEMS OF FUNDAMENTAL
IMPORTANCE" AND UNLESS SOME "CONCESSION" IS FORTHCOMING
DELEGATION WILL RETURN HOME TO WAIT ANOTHER ROUND OF
TALKS IN THE FUTURE.

DEPT WAS UNWILLING SPECULATE ON WHAT CONCESSIONS WOULD
MEET US REQUIREMENTS, BUT SAID AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT
OF PROGRESS IN TALKS WOULD BE COMPLETED TOMORROW AND
DECISION TAKEN THEN.

TALKS ARE DESIGNED TO REPLACE EXISTING BERMUDA AGREEMENT
WHICH REGULATES CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN BRITAIN AND US.

DEPT SAID BREAKDOWN IN TALKS COULD LEAD TO AIR SERVICES
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BEING SUSPENDED AFTER JUNE 22,
DAY ON WHICH TREATY EXPIRES.

TWO SIDES HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO HAVE RECESS OVER
JUBILEE WEEKEND AND THEN, ACCORDING TO STATE DEPT,
CONTINUE TALKS IN LONDON.

BUT IT NOW APPEARS NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN GOING LESS WELL
THAN EXPECTED IN LAST FEW DAYS AND ADMINISTRATION IS
WEIGHING UP WHETHER THERE IS ANY POINT IN PROCEEDING
FURTHER.

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